

PROCEEDINGS
of
THE TRAVANCORE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY
OFFICIAL REPORT.
SECOND ASSEMBLY.
NINTH SESSION.

Tuesday, the 5th August 1941; 21st Karakatakam 1116.

The Assembly met in the Legislative Chamber at Eleven of the Clock with Sachivattoma Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar K. C. S. I., K. C. I, E., LL. D., the President in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls :—

- Messrs. 1. A. Gopala Menon (*Director of Public Instruction.*)
 „ 2. C. Kumara Das (*Director of Industries.*)
 „ 3. T. K. Narayanan (*Member Nominated for Ezhava Bill*)
 „ 4. Rajyasavapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government.*)
 „ 5. Dr. H. Parmeswaran (*Secretary Stores Purchase Committee and Controller of Stationery and Printing.*)
 „ 6. S. Ramakrishna Aiyar (*Ag. Secretary to Government.*)
 „ 7. P. G. Rama Varma Raja (*Member, Nominated for the Travancore, Kshatrya Amendment Bill.*)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Sale of cotton yarn.

421 *MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether merchants dealing in cotton yarn are withholding sale of yarn to weavers after Government were pleased to fix the price of cotton yarn in market recently ;

(b) if answer to the above is in the affirmative, whether weavers and public are put to great hardship on account of merchants withholding the sale of yarn ; and

(c) whether Government have taken any steps to remedy the situation ?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN (*Secretary, Stores Purchase Committee*):

(a) Certain complaints have been received regarding the withholding of stock by merchants dealing in yarn.

(b) It is so alleged in the complaints.

(c) (i) The matter is under investigation and if found true the necessary action will be taken.

(ii) A notification fixing the rates for the various counts of yarn from time to time has been issued and the effect of the same is being watched by Government.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala cum Agastiswaram*): May I know whether Government are aware that cotton yarn is not at all available to weavers in Eraniel, Kottar and other places?

DR. H. PARAMESWARAN: Complaints have been received to that effect.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: May I know what steps Government have taken on those complaints?

PRESIDENT: I would request honourable members not to press many questions upon the attention of the House on this matter as it will raise a large number of complicated problems. We have received information, of which we are not quite certain, that certain persons are either hoarding yarn or not disposing of them in the course of trade, or that certain other persons are deflecting the business that should come within the State from outside. Government have to consider these matters and take prompt measures. It is equally necessary not to discourage the influx of the yarn into the State by the members which might defeat their very object and for that reason certain negotiations have been set on foot with large wholesale manufacturers and suppliers of yarn. Those negotiations are still pending and it may be that anything that happens when questions are answered may give a hint of which enterprising people might take full advantage.

Prices of certain commodities.

422. *MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon cum Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the prices of the following commodities at Division headquarters during the different months of 1116:

Paddy per edangali;

Rice do.

Cloth (grey mull) per yard; and

Cloth (bleached mull) do.